# Camas woman celebrates 100th birthday with family

A century ago and more than 6,300 miles away, Cresoula Demopolos Morris entered the world, making her the second of eight children in her family of Volos, Greece.

On Thursday, Morris celebrated her 100th birthday at her home in Camas with family and friends.

At the age of 19, Morris married a Camas man, Demetrious (Jimmy) Theodore Morris.

Jimmy had traveled from Greece to Camas in the early 1900s, and rented a farm on Prune Hill while saving money to buy his own farm by Lacamas Lake. When Jimmy was ready to marry, he returned to Greece, where he was introduced to Cresoula by her uncle. They were married in Greece and traveled by ship, arriving in the United States through Ellis Island, in New York. From there they traveled by train and arrived in Camas on July 4, 1925.



**Cresoula Morris**

The couple raised four children on their Camas farm, as well has raising many cows and chickens. The couple sold milk to the local residents, grew vegetables in their garden, and raised beef to feed the family.

Cresoula learned to speak English when her first-born son Ted entered kindergarten.

As a young woman in Greece, Cresoula had worked in a crochet factory, and used her skills as an adult to crochet tablecloths, curtains and doilies for family members and friends.

She enjoyed cooking Greek dishes and working in her garden, and was proud to be a caregiver for her grandchildren and family members.

On Sundays, members of the Morris household welcomed local Greek families and friends to celebrate their common heritage and traditions from the old country.

Cresoula's husband passed away Aug. 25, 1970, after they had spent 45 years together.

She continues to live in the home she moved into when she first arrived in the United States.

Cresoula has one son, Theodore Morris of Camas; three daughters, Helen Varkados of Portland, Ore., Alex Soldano of Seattle, and Frieda Gibson who is deceased; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.